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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 06 December 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment deletes the paragraph of the specification starting on page 3, line 20, without any reasons presented in the Remarks section as to why such a deletion is necessary and as to why the Applicant believes such an amendment is directed to just a matter of form. In addition, the amendment indicating "Please amend the paragraph starting on page 25, line 18..." is improper under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 because it is not a single paragraph that is being replaced in this amendment but rather a number of paragraphs and in several of those paragraphs there are in fact no amendments being made. For example, in the replacement paragraph which starts as "String encoding:..." this replacement paragraph has no amendments being made as the underlining of "String encoding" already existed in the original paragraph of this in the specification.


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